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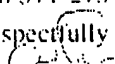
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Sir:

This summarizes a telephone conference with the undersigned initiated by Examiner Mai on December 14, 2005. The substance of the telephone conference is as follows.

Although the Amendment and Response of October 11, 2005 overcomes the rejection over WO 00/15555, the Examiner updated her prior art search and advised that she intended to reject the pending claims for obviousness-type double patenting as being obvious over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,663,687 to Naito et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,051,044 to Fife.

The Examiner expects to be able to allow the application at this time if the common assignee would file a Terminal Disclaimer relative to U.S. Patent No. 6,663,687 (by facsimile transmission) to the USPTO. Alternatively, the Examiner would issue a new Office Action.

In response thereto, the common assignee submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, disclaiming the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application

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which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of U.S. Patent No. 6,663,687.

Withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of claims 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22 and 24-33 is earnestly solicited.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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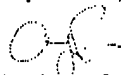
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